



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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| Agency name | Board for Barbers and Cosmetology |
| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation | 18VAC41-30 |
| Regulation title | Hair Braiding Regulations |
| Action title | Hair Braiding Program De-Regulation |
| Final agency action date | May 14, 2012 |
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When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form.

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

After a comprehensive review across state government, Governor McDonnell's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring recommended de-regulation of the hair braiding program. At its 2012 Session, the General Assembly passed legislation endorsing the proposal to de-regulate the hair braider program, and Governor McDonnell signed the bills (HB 1291 and SB 678 – Chapter 803 of the Acts of Assembly). By statute, effective July 1, 2012, hair braiding will revert to being un-regulated activity, meaning state credentials will not be required to perform this activity. Therefore, the Hair Braiding Regulations must be repealed.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On May 14, 2012, the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology adopted a motion to authorize staff to file an exempt action repeal the Hair Braiding Regulations.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

A family impact has not been identified.